Diversion of power from Rajasthan

878. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are arbitrarily and unilaterally diverting power from the Central Power utilities which is due to Rajasthan to other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, whether Government would ensure that such diversion of power never take places unilaterally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Allocation of power of various States/UTs in a region from central sector generating stations is generally made in accordance with the Gadgil Formula. The share of a State/UT is diverted to other State(s)/UT in the region on the request/consent of the concerned State; continued default in payment by the concerned State/UT to the central generating companies towards power supplies; or for meeting a very emergent situation arising in any State/UT in the region.

Allocation of power to various States in the region from the 15% unallocated quota of the Central Government is reviewed from time to time, taking into consideration relative power shortage, emergent and seasonal requirements and imbalances in demand and supply in the States/UTs in the region.

Hydro-Electric Projects in Kerala

879. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the power projects from Kerala pending for approval with Central Government;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay to give approval;

(c) whether Government proposes to give approval for any Hydro-Electric project in Kerala; and

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